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Dear Honorable Members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Imelda Reno and I live in Canton, CT. I am a parent of Marie Anne Reno who has I/DD. I am testifying on the impact of the Governor's budget on people with intellectual disabilities.

My daughter currently receives day and residential services but I fear that after a decade of stagnant funding, a two year waiting list threatens the very viability of this bare bones community provider system. I am concerned that the lack of funding for New Graduates, the \$400,000 decrease to existing funding for Family Support Grants and the no funds for caseload growth for the Behavioral Services Program can eventually lead to the collapse of the community provider system. If this should happen what will happen to my daughter and where will she go? I am a 74 year old widow and I am concerned that the services my daughter currently receives won't be here in the years to come.

Please restore funding for day and employment services for new graduates!

And please support the governor's proposal to invest \$3.8 million in the ID partnership which will help people on the residential waiting list, support developing more residential options for people with I/DD and stabilize community based supports.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

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